

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - A monthly meeting of the City Council of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kedzierski.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce R. Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Alexander Ajlouni, M.D., Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols
City Manager Mark Wollenweber (arrived after roll call)
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts
Public Works Director Brett Smith

All correspondence and reports relating to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the January 21, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried by unanimous vote.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Council Member Schulte. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Alan Broad had comments regarding the upcoming report from the Blue Ribbon Committee and the diligent efforts of the committee and staff in preparing the report. He asked that the matter of the Blue Ribbon Committee Report be scheduled for the upcoming March Council meeting.

Council Member Schulte objected to the release of the Blue Ribbon Committee Report to the public and press as being premature and without his name properly affixed to the report.

7. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

1. Approval of Bills - The monthly bills were presented by Finance Officer Ricketts, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell seconded by Council Member Felt.
2. Review Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures for review by Council.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported a working draft of the new budget has been completed.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported the top 20 calls for service were standard for the previous month. The Chief reported the department responded to more “lift assists” of senior citizens (without hospital runs), than occurred during the previous month. New bulletproof vests are being provided at no cost to the city by a federal grant and donation. Grants for an external camera system are being pursued. The next Council meeting will have a presentation regarding CCTV cameras. The three new public safety officers hired last month are progressing very well.

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith reported that snow removal has been a predominant problem with this year's snow removal having been twice the yearly average. At this time last year, the city consumed 190 tons of salt with 325 tons consumed this year. Last year the city used to 220 man-hours removing snow. This year, 370 man-hours have been utilized in removing snow. Potholes will be a problem with the upcoming thaw. The Honeywell project is still under way and moving smoothly. Upcoming road paving budgets have allowed Oxford Road to be added to the paving projects.

D. Parks and Harbor Council Member Barrette reported the next meeting of the Parks and Harbor committee will be in March. The possibility of food service in the municipal park is still under review.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported last month's legal services included preparation and review of proposed ordinance amendments and such ordinance amendments being submitted to Council for preliminary review, interaction with Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority, advice regarding a workers compensation matter, response to a FOIA request, and review of medical expenses for reimbursement by Medicaid of those expenses for incarcerated individuals.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on a Wayne County drain issue regarding the potential for flooding in the capacity within the storm water drainage system. The school election is scheduled for February 25, 2014. The board of review meets on March 10 and 17th. Mr. Wollenweber met with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club regarding their willingness to participate in the shoreline accretion study. March 31, state representative Brian Banks will be having a Great Lakes symposium at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford estate. Kay Drake will be running the pool operation this summer. Joe Ryan will be coaching the swim team.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ambassador Committee – Council Member Felt reported the author of the municipal book will

have the publication ready for Christmas of 2014. The number of books to be ordered is being considered. Proposed renderings of a municipal tile have been prepared. There are 25 active real estate listings currently in the city. 47 sales closed in 2013. There is a low inventory of houses and real estate prices are rising in the community.

9. NEW BUSINESS –

A. PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG 2014 PROPOSED ESTIMATED BUDGET PAATS & 2013 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN BUDGET PAATS –

Mr. Wollenweber reported approximately \$21,000 in Wayne County CDBG funds were available for 2014. He suggested the allotment of \$3150 for PAATS, \$2100 in administrative costs, \$4750 for minor home repairs, and \$5000 for the employment of developmentally challenged employees. The funds will be available in July, 2014. Funds available in the Macomb program will be pursued as well.

Having offered the opportunity for public comment, and receiving none, on motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously, the application process was approved and authorized for 2014 in accordance with the recommendations of City Manager Mark Wollenweber.

B. 2014 Poverty Exemption Resolution - Whereas of the adoption of guidelines for Poverty Exemption is required from City Council, and whereas the guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the residents, and the proposed resolution having been reviewed and discussed by council, on motion by Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously, the resolution adopting Poverty Exemption within the Federal guidelines was approved.

C. Grosse Pointe Real Estate Statistics 2013 Annual Report - the 2011 Grosse Pointe Real Estate Statistics Annual Report prepared by Higbie Maxon Agney, Inc.- Realtors was received by City Council .

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Brian Geraghty addressed the Council regarding costs assessed against Council Member Schulte.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette reported the 120-year-old horse trough has been shipped out for renovation. He anticipates a ceremonial re-dedication of the horse trough in front of the municipal building in the near future.

Council Member Felt acknowledged the hard work of the Blue Ribbon Committee. She also expressed appreciation to the Department of Public Works for their efforts during the recent extremely cold weather and heavy snowfall.

13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski commented favorably on the work of the Public Safety Department. He reminded residents that City Council is open to suggestions on how to improve municipal services.

- 14. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS & PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS** – Closed session to discuss strategy and updates connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, as requested by the City negotiations team, as permitted under the Open Meetings Act MCL. 15.268(c); and to discuss periodic personnel evaluations as requested by City employees, as permitted under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a).

Roll Call Vote to go into Closed Session at 8:17 PM

YES - Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Alexander Ajlouni, M.D., Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

NO – None

Abstain/Absent - None

15. ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION at 9:00 PM

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and carried unanimously, City Council authorized Mark Wollenweber to negotiate with public safety command officers in order to obtain a labor contract within the parameters discussed in closed session and then report back to City Council with his findings.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, City Council authorized Mark Wollenweber to negotiate with staff and supervisory administrative personnel within the same parameters discussed in closed session and report back to City Council with his findings.

16. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 3/18/14 & 4/15/14 - 7:00pm)

- 17. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk